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TITLE OF INVENTION: MAIL-PROCESSING MACHINE

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Box PCT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 ATTENTION: EO/US

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING U.S. NATIONAL STAGE IN U.S. ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US) UNDER 35 U.S.C. section 371

This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. section 371 and 37 C.F.R. section 1.495 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905).

A copy of FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 accompanies this response.

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DECLARATION OR OATH

I. The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

FEES

II.

1. Fees for claims

Each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. section 1.492(b))

\$0.00

Each claim in excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. section 1.492(c))

\$0.00

2. Surcharge fees

Surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. section 1.492(e) for accepting the declaration later than 30 months after the priority date in filing an application in the U.S. as a designated office.

\$130.00

Total Fees

\$130.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

III. The proceedings herein are for a patent application. Accordingly, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

IV. The total fee due is:

Completion fee(s)

\$130.00

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PAYMENT OF FEES

V. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

- VI. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 50-0426.
 - * 37 C.F.R. section 1.492(a)(1), 1.492(a)(4) (filing fees)
 - * 37 C.F.R. section 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
 - * 37 C.F.R. section 1.17 (application processing fees)
 - * 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to section 1.136(a))
 - * 37 C.F.R. section 1.492(e) and/or (f) (surcharge fees for filing the declaration and/or an English translation of an international application later than 30 months from the earliest-claimed priority date).

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